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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: APPROACHES TO SECURITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS AND OTHERS ON NAMIBIA
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REF: (A) USUN 01323, (B) STATE 091050, (C) USUN 1102,
(D) MOSCOW 07082 (NOTAL), (E) PEKING 0962 (NOTAL)

1. CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSED APRIL 10 APPROACHES TO
SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REGARDING NAMIBIA (REF A).
GROUP AGREED THAT MESSAGE CONTAINED REF A SHOULD BE

PRESENTED IN WRITING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN CARACAS,
KUWAIT, LA PAZ, AND PORT LOUIS.

2. WITH REGARD TO APPROACHES IN MOSCOW, PEKING, AND
PRAGUE, GROUP AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

- (A) MOSCOW: CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, ON BEHALF OF
FIVE, SHOULD PROVIDE SOVIETS WITH COPY OF WESTERN
FIVE PROPOSAL ACCOMPANIED BY AIDE MEMOIRE CONSISTING
OF THE THREE POINTS CONTAINED PARA TWO REF D.
- (B) PEKING: FRENCH AMBASSADOR SHOULD PROVIDE
CHINESE WITH PROPOSAL ACCOMPANIED BY AIDE MEMOIRE
AGREED UPON BY WESTERN FIVE REPRESENTATIVES IN
PEKING (REF E). (FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN BRIEFED
BY FRENCH MISSION ON VIEWS OF TANZANIANS AND
ZAMBIANS ON PROPOSAL.)
- (C) PRAGUE: WESTERN FIVE SHOULD ARRANGE TO MAKE
APPROACH SIMILAR TO THAT MADE IN MOSCOW. AIDE MEMOIRE
SHOULD CONTAIN POINTS MADE IN PARA TWO OF REF D
WITH APPROPRIATE ALTERATIONS OF POINT THREE.
IN THESE THREE APPROACHES, AS WELL AS APPROACH IN
TOKYO (BELOW), WESTERN FIVE REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD
DRAW ON SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE REF A FOR BACKGROUND. ALL
OF THE CONTACT GROUP FELT THAT NO/NO FURTHER APPROVAL
OF CAPITALS WAS NEEDED FOR ANY OF THE APPROACHES DISCUSSED
IN THIS CABLE. ALL SHOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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3. GROUP CONSIDERED SUGGESTION (REF B) THAT
APPROACHES BE MADE IN COPENHAGEN AND TOKYO. BRITISH
INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE PROVIDED DANISH AS EC-9
PRESIDENT WITH TEXT OF PROPOSAL AND HAVE KEPT THEM
WELL-INFORMED. IN ADDITION, EC-9 HAS ALREADY MADE A
STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL. GROUP AGREED
TO APPROACH TO JAPANESE. ACCORDINGLY WESTERN
FIVE IN TOKYO SHOULD ARRANGE FOR APPROACH IN WHICH
PROPOSAL WOULD BE PRESENTED ACCOMPANIED BY AIDE MEMOIRE
(TEXT CONTAINED PARA 4 BELOW). TEXT OF PROPOSAL (REF C)
AND BACKGROUND MESSAGE (REF A) ARE BEING
REPEATED TO TOKYO FOR USE IN APPROACH AND TO
COPENHAGEN FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION.

4. FOLLOWING IS CONTACT GROUP'S AGREED TEXT OF AIDE
MEMOIRE TO BE USED IN TOKYO:

1) OUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING ACTIVELY OVER THE
PAST YEAR TO ACHIEVE AN INTERNATIONALLY-ACCEPTABLE
SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION CONSISTENT
WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385. IN KEEPING WITH
THAT EFFORT, WE HAVE ON APRIL 10 TRANSMITTED TO THE

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL A PROPOSAL OF OURS FOR
SUCH A SETTLEMENT.

2) WE WISH TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WITH A COPY
OF THE PROPOSAL TO WHICH WE ATTACH THE GREATEST
IMPORTANCE. WE BELIEVE IT REPRESENTS THE BEST
OPPORTUNITY FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER IN
NAMIBIA.

3) WE APPRECIATE THE INTEREST WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS
EXPRESSED IN THE NAMIBIAN SITUATION, AND WE HOPE THAT
YOU WILL GIVE ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT TO OUR PROPOSAL.

5. FYI. CONTACT GROUP TRANSMITTED WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL
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TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT APRIL 10 FOR
CIRCULATION AS AN OFFICIAL SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT.
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